GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Recreational Infrastructure in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports and recreational infrastructure in rural areas, State-wise;
(b) the details of Stadia and other playing fields developed in rural areas, State-wise; and
(c) whether there is a proposal to extend such facilities to each district in the country, if so, the number and type of facilities to be developed in each district?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) & (b) Sports is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create adequate sports infrastructure for promotion of various sports in the country including rural areas. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments.
The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not implement any Scheme for construction of stadia or recreational infrastructure. However, for developing sports infrastructure in rural areas, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was implementing Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) Scheme from 2008-09 to 2013-14. The State-wise details of playfields developed under PYKKA Scheme during 2008-09 to 2013-14 are at Annexure-I. The PYKKA Scheme was restructured as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) w.e.f. 01.04.2014
which provides for construction of an integrated sports complex in each block and provides grant-in-aid for holding competitions at block, district, State and National levels.
The Ministry is also implementing Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) for developing sports infrastructure such as synthetic athletic, hockey/ football astro-turfs and multipurpose indoor hall. The schemes are being merged into a Central Sector Scheme for better implementation.
(c) At present, there is no proposal to extend such facilities to each district in the country.
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